

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

ATTENTION:

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Community File on Denials of SCI Access

1. Under existing policy and procedures, each Intelligence Community agency makes its own determinations with regard to granting or denying access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) for its employees and contractors. The absence of any Community file on denials of such access makes it possible for an individual turned down at one agency to apply for a position at another also requiring SCI access without the second agency being aware either of the turndown itself or of the reasons therefor. This offers the prospect of ill founded security judgments with attendant risks, unequal treatment of given persons, or both.

2. In the interest of trying to alleviate this situation, the FBI was asked if it could establish and maintain a controlled file of SCI denials for use by the Community. FBI sought Department of Justice approval for such. Justice responded by recommending against that, stating that Privacy Act obstacles would be raised if FBI maintained such a file, and recommending that the file be instead maintained by the DCI, his staff, or in CIA as a service of common concern. Copies of the proposals for FBI maintenance of this file and of the Justice comments are attached.

3. We request OGC review of the Justice comments and an opinion of whether CIA (e.g., Compartmented Information Branch) would meet with any problems in maintaining a file of SCI denials for the Community as a service of common concern. STAT

✓ Robert W. Gambino

Attachments:
FBI memo dtd 2/1/79
to DCI SECOM w/enclosures

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